

Background:	Temple of Artemis
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Some background information:



The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus was built to honour Artemis, one of three maiden goddesses of Olympus. This temple is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It was built in Ephesus (an ancient city), which today would be near Selcuk, Turkey. It had to be rebuilt at least three times due to fire, flood and a mob that was determined to destroy it. Each time it was rebuilt it became larger and even more beautiful and impressive. The Temple of Artemis is also known as the Temple of Diana.

Artemis was an Olympian God, the daughter of Zeus and Leto. She was the goddess of the moon, and the goddess of the hunt. She was also the twin sister of Apollo.

The first temple was built in approximately 800 BC.

The first temple was destroyed in the 7th century. Reconstruction began in 550 BC. It took about 10 years to rebuild it. Some historians say it was destroyed due to a flood. Others believe it was due to war.

The second temple was approximately four times larger in area than the previous one.

Each time the temple was rebuilt it was on the same site.

The Antipater of Sidon, who originally made the list of the Seven Wonders of the World, described the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus as being more marvellous than any of the other six wonders.

The second time the temple was destroyed it was burned to the ground by Herostratus. He set the fire to make himself famous. It backfired because anyone who spoke his name was then sentenced to death.

The fire that Herostratus set took place on the same day that Alexander the Great was being born.

Years later, Alexander the Great visited the town and offered to help pay the cost of rebuilding it if they would put his name on it. The townspeople did not want to put his name on it so his name was not engraved anywhere on or in the temple.

The temple was finally rebuilt after Alexander the Great died.

This temple may have been the first one ever constructed of marble. It may also be the first building in history ever constructed of marble.

An East Germanic tribe (the Goths) destroyed the temple again in 268 A.D.

The temple was used at different times as a house of worship and as a marketplace.

The third time the temple was built it was 450 feet long x 225 feet wide. It was 60 feet high and had at least 127 columns. The third temple lasted for about 600 years. When it was destroyed by the Goths in 268 A.D., it was never rebuilt.

One of the reasons it was not rebuilt was because the cost of construction would have been too high. Some of the columns that were built in Hagia Sophia (a church in Istanbul, Turkey) are thought to have been originally part of the Temple of Artemis.

The site where the temple once stood is now a swamp.

St. John Chrysostom had the temple torn down in 401 A.D.

Remnants of the temple can be seen in the British Museum in London, England.

Also look at:

http://www.softschools.com/facts/wonders_of_the_world/temple_of_artemis_at_ephesus_facts/69/
<http://7wonders.mrdonn.org/artemis.html>

**Team
Game:**

How to strike a Match

Do be careful when using matches. It's easy to get burnt, or to set fire to something.

1. Take a match out of the box and place the coloured end against the striker surface on the side of the matchbox.
2. Flick the head of the match away from you down the length of the striker surface. The match should burst into flame.
3. Hold the match away from you and shelter it from the wind so it can burn effectively.
4. Apply the match to the material to be lit until the fire takes hold.
5. Hold the flame end of the match up slightly to stop the flame burning your fingers.



6. Blow the match out and then push it into some sand or soil to make sure it cannot start a fire. Or you can drop it in the fire and burn it up.

